

**Work/Life Advisory Committee
Summary Notes
Meeting 3/25/2009**

Members in attendance: Peggy Collier, Denise Faerber, Mark Holmgren, Vida Jones, Laura Kinslow, Brad Liebrecht, Becky Morton, Teri Ockwell, Maria Ortega, Patti Petersen, Karen Weathermon, Zami Wilson

Not attending: Matt Bumpus, Christian Busnardo, Danielle Engelhardt, Jamie Gaber, Stephanie Holbrook, Sandi Klingler, Jane Lotz-Drlik, Katherine Lovrich

Eldercare Survey

- Online survey ends tonight and results will be tabulated tomorrow
- PR412 students will be presenting survey results to the class; Becky and Gretalyn have been invited to attend
- The data collected from the survey will be presented to WLAC as soon as it is available

Membership Drive

- Current vacancies: Vancouver, civil service, alternates
- Alternates can be from any classification
- Change to application: add a 'No' check box as an option relating to reading and understand the WLAC guidelines
- Applications will be emailed to committee and discussed at the next meeting

Eldercare Concerns-Brad

- A coworker shared concerns relating to elder care and cited the lack of awareness of available resources as a significant problem
- She suggested FMLA information be added to the WLAC website
 - Zami suggested a link to FMLA be added to the website as the information is always changing
- WSU employees can purchase long-term healthcare insurance for family members at a group rate through John Hancock
- WLAC website should include a link to Benefit Services regarding this healthcare insurance
- HRS may be able to include information about FMLA and long-term healthcare insurance in monthly tidbits

CSW Updates

- CSW is participating in Relay for Life and looking for team members

WLC- April 14, 2009

- Main topic is change

APAC Updates

- AP contribution award will be announced next week

WLAC Goals for the Year-Teri

- This meeting should occur in June to allow new members to attend and give feedback

Breast Cancer Support Group

- Currently 6-10 members; not limited to WSU employees
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Counseling Center (Lighty 280)

Eldercare Support Group

- The committee believes this would be a beneficial and needed group
- Zami will research the policies for coordinating such a group
- Becky will discuss with a Counseling Services representative

Other Discussion

- WSU Announcements is sometimes more difficult to read due to the new format
- The WLAC website should have a counter added to monitor number of hits on the website, especially before and after Work/Life Month
- Patti inquired if there is a way for visitors to the website to ask questions and suggested that any questions be shared with the committee on a monthly basis
 - There is an email address at the bottom of every page that visitors can use to submit questions
- Work/Life Modules will be discussed next month
- Due to the current economic climate, now is good time to advertise the Employee Assistance Program

Next Meeting – April 29, 2009